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EA OR125-04-09

DECISION RECORD

for

Dean Creek Waterline

EA OR125-04-09

I. Background

An Environmental Assessment, EA Number OR-125-04-09 was prepared for this project and concluded in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA analyzed the proposed action of connecting the water lines at Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area to the City of Reedsport water supply.

II. Decision

The decision is to approve the proposed action as described in the environmental assessment including the project design features and/or mitigation measures. Trenching for the water line will follow existing roads where possible, and the project design features will reduce the possibility of any permanent impact to applicable natural resources.

III. Rationale

The current water supply system at the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area is insufficient for the demands placed on the system. There is an insufficient amount of water and the quality of the water degrades in low summer levels, just as the number of visitors peak. Nearly 400,000 people visit the area during the year. State water quality standards need to be met. This is considered to be a very good resolution to a potential public health issue.

Based on analyses by the Fish and Wildlife Biologists, it has been concluded that the proposed actions constitute a “no effect” to listed/proposed fish and wildlife species and Essential fish Habitat (EFH). Therefore, consultation with NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not warranted.

IV. Monitoring

Contract inspectors shall be on site to monitor all aspects of the project, including surface disturbance, vegetation removal, pipe installation, covering the trench, any rehabilitation work, and material disposal.

Several full time BLM staff members assist with habitat improvement projects and visitor services at Dean Creek throughout the year. The water is tested regularly, as required by

the state. These efforts will continue and any issues that develop will receive appropriate attention.

V. Administrative Remedies

The Decision Record is open to Appeal procedures as detailed at 43 CFR Subpart E – Special Rules Applicable to Public Land Hearings and Appeals. Appeals of this action must be filed within 30 days after publication of a Notice of Availability for this Decision.

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Natural Resources Staff Administrator

August 31, 2004
Date

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